

PROCEEDINGS OF BROWN COUNTY CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION BOARD:

A regular meeting was held on: Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Board Members Present: : S. King, L. Franke, B. Clancy, K. Lukens, J. Wieland, J. Jansch, C. Erickson

Excused: J. Mitchell

Others Present: K. Pahlow, A. Nizzia, S. Johnson, C. Maricque, D. Armbruster, J. Titera, M. Brick, E. Nuthals

Action Item: Call to Order

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Scott King called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM
2. Open Forum - None
3. Action Item: Approval of the July 21, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by J. Wieland, seconded by L. Franke, that the minutes from the July 21, 2020 Board meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Action Item: Approval of Agenda

Motion made by J. Jansch, seconded by L. Franke, that the agenda for today's meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Action Item: Donations
A. Nizzia highlighted donations from the Green Bay Packers, De Pere Christian Outreach, and De Pere's Men's Club. Donations are from private donors.

C. Erickson will share a link for COVID related grants.

Motion made by J. Wieland, seconded by J. Jansch, that the July/August donations be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Action Item: Payment of Bills
The payments for July included annual maintenance agreements.

Motion made by L. Franke, seconded by J. Jansch, that the payment of the bills be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Action Item: Financial Report
C. Maricque reviewed larger variances for the year in the areas of Building and Site Maintenance, Special Education Teachers, Substitutes and Transportation.

Motion made by J. Wieland, seconded by L. Franke, that the financial report be accepted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Action Item: General Fund Transfer to Special Education Fund

Motion made by B. Clancy, seconded by J. Wieland, that the transfer of

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\$2,444,745.75 from BCCDEB's General Fund to BCCDEB's Special Revenue fund to cover the Special Revenue fund negative balance be approved.

9. Action Item: Bus Contract

The contract terms are the same as in prior years with a 2.5% increase in costs.

Motion made by J. Wieland, seconded by J. Jansch, that the Board approve the 2020-2021 contract with Lamers Bus Lines.

10. Action Item: Leave of Absence

Instructional aide requested a one-year unpaid leave of absence due to COVID.

Motion made by J. Jansch, seconded by L. Franke, that the Board approve Jackie Ley's request for a one-year leave of absence. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Action Item: Resignation

Brian Kohls resigned due to the inability to work the necessary cleaning schedule of 2-10 pm.

Motion made by J. Wieland, seconded by K Lukens, that the Board approve Brian Kohls' resignation from the Housekeeping position, effective August 31, 2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Action Item: Start of School on September 1, 2020

K.Pahlow informed the Board that our Administrative Team is recommending that we start the 2020-2021 school year remotely based on the following:

- Districts have been waiting for a Department of Health Services document regarding gating metrics that would help determine if school should start in person or remotely. This document has been delayed several times and still has not been released. In its absence, our Administrative Team determined that we were no longer able to wait and needed to make a recommendation to the Board so our parents and staff can plan accordingly.
- Consultation with our medical consultant and the local De Pere Health Department. (During this discussion, De Pere Health Nurse Debra Armbruster and Syble Hopp School Nurse Erin Nuthals shared information with the Board regarding the metrics being used both locally and nationally to monitor community spread, outbreak procedures and support provided by local healthcare providers.)
- Percent of students attending Syble Hopp that have health conditions that make them moderately or high risk (paired with the inability to require all students wear masks).
- Number of our student's family members (siblings) that will be returning to school in a variety of plans throughout the community at the same time and may be exposed to the virus. Which could have an impact on what we see at our school, despite the safety measures of our reopening plan.
- Number of students that would be entering school at one time with the community spread rate being high risk and a concern from our medical consultant that he is seeing a lack of social distancing, masking and quarantining in the local communities.

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- Opportunity to watch and monitor the opening of the other seven school districts we serve to see if they are successful in opening without outbreaks that cause closures
- Administrative concern regarding the ability of local health departments and medical providers to respond to our needs when seven (7) Brown County School Districts will all be opening at the same time.

Included in the recommendation to start remotely, administrators are seeking approval to:

- Monitor the openings of school districts in our area to see how things go with their start regarding outbreaks and healthcare response.
- Monitor the metrics being used by local, State and National health departments and medical providers to determine community spread and risk. (Including DHS/DPI gating metrics if they are released)
- Keep our building open for staff to return to work and have access to their classrooms and necessary equipment and supplies, teachers and therapists have the ability to provide 1:1 (and potentially small group) services and instruction where determined appropriate through the IEP process and parent/student meetings.
- Return to the September 15, 2020 Board meeting with data and information gathered during the remote start for further review and decision making.
- Potential Scheduling of an additional Board meeting to vote on an administrative recommendation.

Motion made by J. Wieland, seconded by J. Jansch, that the Board approve Administration's recommendation regarding the start of school on September 1, 2020.

13. Action Item: COVID 19 Policy

The Staff Handbook Appendix policy regarding expectations to items related to COVID-19 was reviewed and recommended for approval.

Motion made by B. Clancy, seconded by K Lukens, that the Board approve the COVID 19 Policy – Appendix to the Staff Handbook.

14. Discussion Item: Administrator's Report

Sarah Johnson, shared the federally mandated Title IX policy changes.

Abbie Nizzia shared that we are setting up the iPads for one on one iPad distribution the first week of school.

Carolyn shared that the audit is coming up.

Kim shared that we have informed Lamers Bus Company and West De Pere Food Service that we were recommending that we start remotely. Meetings will be held with to determine how they can service us during the closures through meal and academic supplies/materials delivery and potential student transportation for therapy and/or 1:1 instruction.

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15. Discussion Item: Parent Organization Report

Parents will be holding virtual meetings this year.

16. Executive Session: The Board will move to executive session as allowed by Wisconsin Statute stats 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting of other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion made by J. Jansch, seconded by J. Wieland, that the Board move into Executive Session at 4:45 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board returned to open session at 4:50 PM.

17. Action Item: Adjournment

Motion made by J. Jansch, seconded by B. Clancy, to adjourn the August 21, 2020 Brown County Children with Disabilities Board meeting at 4:50 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.